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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Mitsuo KONNO

Group Art Unit: 2827

Application No.: 09/911,534

Examiner: A. Chambliss

Filed: July 25, 2001

Docket No.: 110188

For: MICROCHIP CONTROLLER BOARD AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREOF

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 29, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-9. This election is made with traverse.

On September 30, 2003, Applicant received a telephoned Restriction Requirement by Examiner Jose Alcala and orally elected Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-9. Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Confirmation of Telephone Election filed September 30, 2003, confirming the election. Also enclosed is the PTO date-stamped receipt indicating receipt of the Confirmation of Telephone Election. Thus, the Restriction Requirement mailed March 29, 2004 appears to be a duplication of the Restriction Requirement. Nonetheless, Applicant herein provisionally, again, elects Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-9 to be examined in this application.

However, it is respectfully requested that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group would be necessary.

encompass a search for the subject matter for the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden. MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent invention." (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to examine all of the claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:

Copy of Confirmation of Telephone Election  
PTO Date-Stamped Receipt

Date: April 13, 2004

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CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A telephone requirement for restriction was made in connection with the above-identified patent application on September 30, 2003.

The undersigned confirms that a response to the telephone requirement, a provisional election was made to prosecute Group I, claims 1-4 and 7-9.

The provisional election was specifically made with traverse since no basis therefore has been set forth in the written record.

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